

Following these assignments, General Flowers was well prepared to assume his current position as the director of the Air Force budget. Under his direction, this organization developed, established, and cultivated professional relationships within the air staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and with Members and staff of the U.S. Congress, significantly improving the record of approval of resources necessary to support key warfighter programs. He provided critical oversight and direction for over 30 Air Force appropriations to accurately deliver a nearly \$800 billion Future Years' Defense Program budget to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on time and on target. He has successfully completed annual budget submissions of close to \$170 billion for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 and justified them to the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, the Congressional Defense Appropriations and Authorization Subcommittees and the Congressional Budget Office. General Flowers' leadership, sound judgment, and wise counsel will be sorely missed by all.

I am pleased to commend General Flowers for his historic and outstanding service to our country, which is a great example of distinguished military service. On the occasion of his upcoming retirement, I wish General Flowers and his family all the very best in the years to come.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. KOHL. Madam President, today I recognize and congratulate Washington High School on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. As a proud alumnus, I take these moments to reflect on the purple and gold's story, success and accomplishments that have endured these past 100 years.

Located in the Sherman Park Neighborhood of Milwaukee, WI, Washington High School, with its never-ending commitment to excellence, has welcomed students through its doors and ushered them out to embrace bright futures for ten decades. Throughout its evolution and changes, Washington High School has always provided its students with a first class education, instilling values and providing skills that help students pursue employment, higher education and individual dreams.

Well-known for its focus on technology, the innovative high school created the first Career Specialty Program in 1976 focusing on computers and earning the school its reputation as "the computer school." It has been nationally recognized for its curriculum which builds knowledge and critical thinking skills through the use of technology.

The school proudly acclaims each graduating class including notable alumni who achieved excellence in

business, attained the office of Governor of Wisconsin, served at the highest level of our military, became Commissioner of Baseball, reached stardom on Broadway and in Hollywood, joined the ranks of professional athletes, and even one who got elected U.S. Senator; each and every graduate a remarkable person who graduated from a remarkable place, Washington High School.

Wisconsin's strong tradition of excellence in education has been shaped by Washington High School's rich, long history filled with a century of proud, hopeful students, and extremely dedicated faculty and staff. As alumni from varied graduating classes and walks of life, we gather as one body to celebrate collectively the spirit of our high school years, and the achievements, made individually and collectively by a century of alumni.

As all Washington High School alumni have done before, we cheer for the purple and gold, the Purgolders and everything this fine institution represents.

With a warm welcome to all who cherish and gather to remember, I proudly congratulate Washington High School, my alma mater, on its 100th anniversary, and my sincere best wishes for 100 more exceptional years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2433. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2944) to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2832. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2944. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3078. An act to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3079. An act to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3080. An act to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2433. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-63. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing support for an amendment to the United States Constitution to balance the federal budget and restrict tax increases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 201

Whereas, the Legislature of the state of Utah acknowledges that the United States of America is facing a crippling debt crisis because of unrestrained spending and irresponsible fiscal policies;

Whereas, a majority of sitting United States Senators—including all 47 Republicans, 10 Democrats, and one Independent—have specifically expressed support for a requirement to balance the federal budget; and

Whereas, the 112th Congress is currently considering the following Constitutional Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 10, which was introduced on March 31, 2011, by United States Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, both from Utah:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

Article—
Section 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless two-thirds of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a roll call vote.

Section 2. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed 18 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States for the calendar year ending before the beginning of such fiscal year, unless two-thirds of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific amount in excess of such 18 percent by a roll call vote.

Section 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year in which—

(1) total outlays do not exceed total receipts; and

(2) total outlays do not exceed 18 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States for the calendar year ending before the beginning of such fiscal year.

Section 4. Any bill that imposes a new tax or increases the statutory rate of any tax or the aggregate amount of revenue may pass only by a two-thirds majority of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress by a roll call vote. For the purpose of determining any increase in revenue under this section, there shall be excluded any increase resulting from the lowering of the statutory rate of any tax.